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APPLICANT(S): Miller et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 2002. Please extend the date for response by one month up to and including April 25, 2002. Applicants include a petition and a check to cover the extension fee.

In addition, Applicants enclose an information disclosure statement, PTO-1449 form and copies of art cited thereon for consideration in this case.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the requirement for restriction (see below), Applicants elect with traverse, the claims of Group I for further examination. However, prior to substantive examination, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 7 and 10-31 without prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction into this case or their introduction into a subsequently filed continuation application.